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Letter dated 19 July 2001 from the Secretary-General of the International Civil Defence Organization addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council*

Further to the resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the International Civil Defence Organization (ICDO) adopted at its fourteenth session, held in 2000 in Geneva, and in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to request you to place the question of the admission of the International Civil Defence Organization (ICDO) to the status of a specialized agency of the United Nations on the agenda of the main session of the Economic and Social Council which will take place in 2002.

The ICDO is the intergovernmental organization which federates national civil protection, civil defence, civil safety and emergency management structures as foreseen under the terms of General Assembly resolution 2034 (XX) of 7 December 1965. In this respect, the States members of the ICDO attach great importance to the development of synergies between this organization and the United Nations system for ensuring protection and assistance to populations in the face of natural and man-made disasters, the safeguard of property and the environment, as well as the sustainable development of our societies.

(*Signed*) Sadok **Znaïdi**
Secretary-General

Annexed:

- Geneva Declaration, Ministerial Conference "Civil Defence, a tool for sustainable development", 2000
- ICDO's brief relating to its admission to the status of specialized agency of the United Nations
- ICDO's Constitution.

* The annexes referred to below are deposited with the Economic and Social Council.

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